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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: DETENTIONS
OF MR. AND MRS. RODOLFO JUAN BEGNARDI (322/78/4 AND 323/78/4)

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST OF MAR 2, 1978, ON BEHALF OF THE BALTIMORE ADOPTION GROUP OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, REGARDING RODOLFO JUAN BEGNARDI AND NORA JULIA BUCRE DE BEGNARDI, THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT:
MRS BUCRE DE BEGNARDI IS BEING HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION (DECREE 3505 OF 1975) IN VILLA DEVOTO PRISON CHARGED WITH SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. SHE PRESENTED RIGHT OF OPTION REQUEST TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY IN DEC 1976 WHICH WAS DENIED IN FEB 1977. IN DEC 1977 SHE AGAIN REQUESTED THE RIGHT OF OPTION WHICH WAS DENIED IN APR 1978.

2. MR. BEGNARDI IS BEING HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION (DECREE 3505 OF 1975) IN RESISTENCIA PRISON (CHACO PROVINCE) CHARGED WITH SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, IN SEPTEMBER 1977 HE PRESENTED RIGHT OF
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OPTION REQUEST WHICH WAS DENIED IN DEC 1977. A SECOND RIGHT OF OPTION REQUEST PRESENTED IN DECEMBER 1977 WAS DENIED IN MARCH 1978.

4. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN THESE CASES AND WILL INFORM YOU OF ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

5. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTO, AMBASSADOR.
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